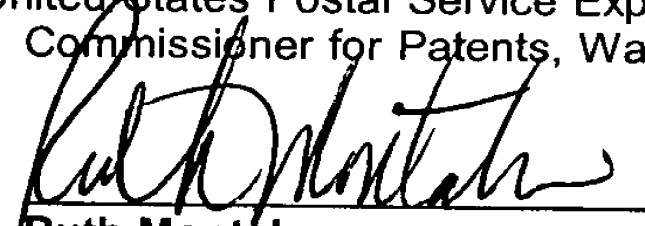




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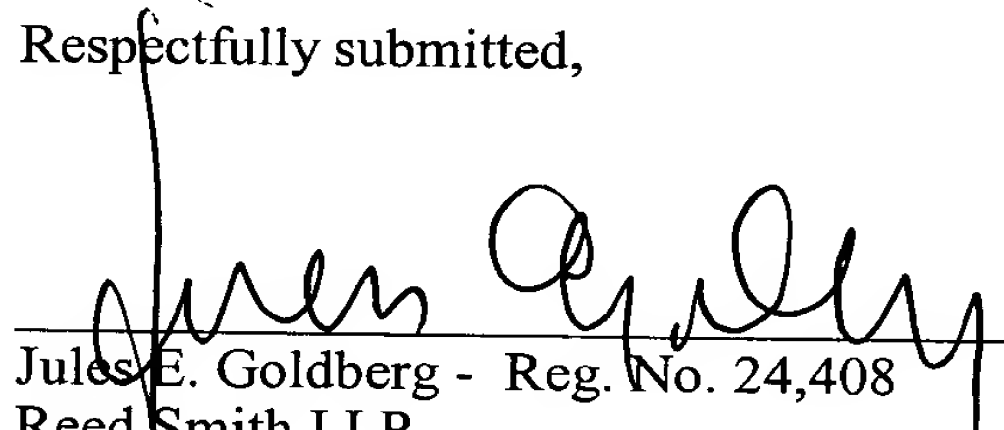
Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2002, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1, 3-10). This election is made without traverse.

Accordingly, this is fully responsive to the Office Action and a prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited..

Respectfully submitted,

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